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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Senior Reclamation Specialist *HS*

RE: Site Inspection, Lanny Jensen Mine, B & J Placer Claims, M/015/041,
Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection: July 10, 1991

Time of Inspection: 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Conditions: Warm, hot, raining

Participants: Bryant Anderson, Emery County; Neil Simmons, BLM; Holland Shepherd, DOGM

A joint visit was made to the B & J placer claims to evaluate the size of the disturbed acreage and to discuss the bonding or surety situation at the mine site. The county is interested in bonding, as is the BLM. DOGM is not yet interested in bonding because the site is under 5 acres.

This mine site is located, in what is designated as an Area of Critical and Environmental Concern by the BLM. It therefore, requires a Plan of Operations and a bond. The site covers approximately 4 acres of disturbance. The operator has proposed to disturb more acres and at the same time reclaim. It is thought by the BLM and myself, that the operator will not be able to keep the disturbed acreage under 5 acres, to maintain this site within the status of a small mine under our regulations. A reclamation disturbance balance will be hard to maintain, because of the three year waiting period; the time required to determine revegetation success before complete bond release can be made.

No bond is currently being held for the operation by the county, BLM or DOGM. The operator has indicated in the past, that a bond had been placed, but the county indicated to us that that bond did not really exist and certainly does not cover the reclamation of the mine site. Again, the county is interested in a bond on this operation because of the use for the road and also the visual impacts on an area that is heavily touristed.

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Lanny Jensen is currently selling ore mined from this site to Georgia Pacific in Sigurd, Utah. I anticipate, as a result of that, that the operation will not remain under 5 acres much longer.

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